

## JAMES E. SIMMONS Major General, United States Army Deputy Commanding General (US), III Corps and Fort Hood and Deputy Commanding General for Support Multi-National Corps-Iraq

General Simmons was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant of Armor following graduation from Arkansas State University in May 1974. He is also a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College with a Master of Science degree in Military Science and a graduate of the National Defense University with a Master of Science degree in National Resources Strategy. Other military schools General Simmons has attended include the Armor Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, School of Advanced Military Studies, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

General Simmons assumed the duties of the Deputy Commanding General for III Corps and Fort Hood on 14 July 2003. Starting on 14 December 2006, General Simmons assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding General for Support for the Multi-National Corps-Iraq, responsible for 34,680 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines in two separate commands and nine separate brigades. In addition to his responsibility for the separate commands and brigades, MG Simmons has supervisory oversight for all logistical, aviation, and force protection operations, to include counter IED operations.

General Simmons' commands include E Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 172d Infantry Brigade, Fort Wainwright, Alaska; 3d Squadron, 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment (Air Cavalry), III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas; 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brigade, Eighth United States Army, United States Forces, Korea; and the Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. He also served as the Commanding General U.S. Army Safety Center.

Joint staff assignments for General Simmons include Deputy J5/Deputy Assistant C5, United States Forces Korea/United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/Eight United States Army, Korea.

General Simmons' awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Department of Defense Superior Service Medal; the Legion of Merit (with Third Oak Leaf Cluster); the Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); the Army Achievement Medal; the National Defense Medal with two Bronze Stars; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, the Multinational Forces and Observers Medal; the Department of Defense Meritorious Unit Award; the Army Superior Unit Award; the Master Aviator Badge; the Ranger Tab; and Airborne Wings. The Republic of Korea presented General Simmons with the Order of National Security Merit for his 4 years of distinguished service in Korea.